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Sant Singh runs again

By Peter Maser

Ottawa: Sant Singh, a 42-year-old Department of Health and Welfare economist, was nominated Progressive Conservative candidate for the western Quebec riding of Pontiac-Gatineau-Labelle Sunday.

Singh, who also contested the riding in 1974 as a Tory, won the nomination on the first ballot, receiving 201 of 296 ballots cast by party members at Queen Elizabeth School in Kazabazua, Que.

Ronald Spurling, 33, a musician and former resident of Campbells Bay now living in Ottawa, polled 86 votes. The third candidate, Elwood Francoeur, a 33-year-old businessman from Bryson, got nine votes.

Singh, who is known to many constituents as "Sam," said in an interview he would stress two issues during the election campaign: the credibility of the Trudeau government and the performance of incumbent Tom Lefebvre.

Lefebvre, who has held the riding for 14 years and outpolled Singh by more than 7,000 votes in 1974, has "nothing more to offer," Singh said.

"Whatever Lefebvre wanted to do, he has done it."

As for the prime minister, Singh predicted he would be defeated because of his stand on wage and prices controls during and after the 1974 campaign.

"This year, the people of Quebec will tell Trudeau what they told Bourassa," he said in reference to the crushing defeat of the Quebec Liberal party in 1976 at the hands of the Parti Quebecois.

Singh said he was buoyed by the "unusually high turnout" at the nomination meeting. Nearly 500 people, many of whom travelled more than 80 kilometres, jammed the school's basement auditorium for the four-hour meeting.

Such high turnouts are rare in a rural riding and indicate considerable voter dissatisfaction with the present government, Singh said.

The Citizen

The Prime Minister, Morarji Desai, addressing a group of U.S. students who were in New Delhi during their visit to India under the programme "Sinister at Sea" organised by the University of Colorado.

Joe Who?

Ottawa: What is in common between Opposition Leader Joe Clark and the Canadian India Times editor and publisher Mrs. Aleyamma Samuel?

They both select their potatoes carefully. Last week Joe Clark, accompanied by his little daughter was shopping at the fruit and vegetable store Carousal Farms where Mrs. Samuel also was shopping. Many in the busy store recognized him and murmured behind his back "there is Joe" while a few shook his hand.

Mr. Clark, dressed casually, took extra care (thanks to Maureen McTeer's, that is his wife not cohabitant - in case you didn't know - strict coaching) in choosing less expensive but good potatoes.

Hope the potatoes will not be too hot for Joe to handle.

Religious riots

New Delhi (UNI) - Religious violence between Moslems and Hindus killed 16 persons in Jamshedpur and a riot over possession of a temple killed seven in another.

Army troops and police quelled the disturbance, which left 16 dead and more than 140 injured. Some casualties were caused by police and army bullets.

Seven persons, including three policemen, were killed in a gun battle between police and members of the Nihang Sikh sect at Faridkot district, 240 kilometres west of New Delhi. Two groups of sect members fought over possession of a temple.

Desai claims all-round progress

New Delhi, Apr. 12 (UNI) - Prime Minister Morarji Desai has said that drinking water would be provided to 115,000 villages in the next five years.

In a broadcast to the nation over All India Radio on Monday, Mr. Desai said 18,000 villages had been provided satisfactory drinking water supply during the first year of his government's rule and he was confident that all the 116,000 villages would have this vital facility within the next five years.

Referring to the happy situation on the food front Mr. Desai said India had surpluses to share with its friends. He had no doubt that the food production would considerably improve in the next five or six years.

Referring to the rural people the Prime Minister said the government was determined to improve life in the countryside. Already, commercial banks had adopted 55,000 villages for bringing about all-round development. All these programmes were to converge on the main task of ending unemployment within 10 years, of which two years had already elapsed.

He listed distinctions of high and low, of higher castes and lower castes, of untouchability, the neglect of the tribal areas, the question of minority and communal troubles and oppression of Harijans as "certain aberrations which are a blot on our society and for which we have suffered and have been suffering".

He said problems like untouchability were being tackled now with greater vigour though he could not claim that they had already been solved completely.

Mr. Desai said his government had succeeded in restoring all the fundamental freedoms eroded during the emergency - freedom of the individual, of the press and of the judiciary.

Turning to international relations, he maintained that the Janata Government's "proper implementation" of the non-alignment policy had raised its stature in the comity of nations.

Strong plea for N-weapons

New Delhi, April 12 (UNI) - A powerful plea for India manufacturing nuclear weapons was made in the Lok Sabha (Lower House) by a Janata member Yadavendra Dutt.

The country had missed the industrial revolution. It should not miss at least the nuclear revolution, Mr. Dutt said while participating in the debate on the demands for grants to the Defence Ministry.

He said any potential opponent would use the weapon which the other country did not possess. It was in India's own interest to go in for nuclear weapons, he argued.

He said the defence Minister should convince the cabinet of the need for a political decision on this matter.

P V G Raju (Cong I) said India should renew its efforts for no-war pacts with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Initiating the debate he said this would enable the country to reduce further its spending on defence and the money thus saved could be used for development purposes.

Bhutto relations seek refuge

Srinagar (IBS) - A Pakistani girl and her brother, claiming to be "close relations" of former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, have sought refuge in India after crossing the border in the Jammu region.

According to a report in a local Urdu daily, Nasreen (18), who successfully evaded detection by Pakistan forces stationed along the border, told the Police that her family, belonging to Sialkot, had feared reprisals from the martial law authorities and had managed to escape. But on the way to India they were spotted by the Sutlej Rangers and got separated.

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Christians protest bill

By George Mathew

New Delhi: A Private Member's Bill pending before the Parliament seeking to prohibit conversions has been agitating the minds of the usually docile Christian community in India.

The Bill called "Freedom of Religion" Bill has been drawn on the same lines as that of the Arunachal Pradesh "Freedom of Religion Act 1978". (The details of the Act was discussed in these columns in the December 14 issue).

Christians throughout the country, regardless of their denominations, observed April 6 as a day of fast and prayer against the proposed legislation. Their apprehension is that the Bill is aimed at Christianity and it seeks to curb its growth and the work of foreign missionaries in India. It questions the basic right of Christians as the citizens of India and the basic tenents of their religion to profess and practice the Gospel.

Apart from the reported persecution of Christians in North East India, reports on attacks on the Christian minority community in Bihar has been alarming. The matter was raised in the Lok Sabha by the Congress member and a former minister, A.C. George.

Mr. George said Father Francis Martinsek, a Jesuit priest, was murdered at Mokameh. Father Thomas who was with Fr. Francis was shot at but he escaped with minor injuries.

He said Fr. Felix Farrel, another highly respected priest, was tied up, beaten and mission property looted at Amawaliya. Fr. Walsmiller was attacked and Fr. Mann was shot at and injured at Sasaram.

At Mokemeh, the Catholic church and nuns had been the target of attack. The convent was also attacked. Similar incidents took place at Basauni (Monghyr), Bilaspur and Jahanabad. At all these places the Christian community was running good hospitals and schools in the service of the people.

Dr. Henry Austin (Congress) also had drawn the attention of the Minister for Home Affairs to the feeling of insecurity prevailing among the minority communities, particularly Christians. He referred to the destruction of churches and Christian institutions in Bihar, north-eastern region and Kashmir and asked the minister to take concrete steps to mitigate the "deep feelings and anguish of the Christian community." Several other M.Ps also spoke with concern.

The Home Minister, H.M. Patel, gave a categorical assurance that the fundamental rights of all religious communities would be fully protected.

Mr. Patel praised the sense of "nationalism" of the Christian community in India and said that the community need have no apprehensions about governmental interference in their religious rights. The government had not taken any view about the private member's "Freedom of Religion Bill".

A week earlier (March 30) more than a lakh Christians belonging to all denominations sang hymns, prayed and shouted slogans as they marched in procession from the Azad Maidan to Oval Maidan in Bombay to protest against the "Freedom of Religion Bill". In what was described as the biggest morcha in recent times, the participants raised slogans and held placards demanding immediate withdrawal of the Bill.

The unprecedented demonstration which brought together Catholics, Protestants and Syrian Christians was led by bishops, priests and nuns. Women and school children joined the demonstration in large numbers.

On April 2 the city of Trivandrum, the capital of Kerala, overflowed with Christian demonstrators who arrived in buses, trucks and in all available modes of transport from all over the state to "protect their religious freedom." The traffic in most of the roads was at a standstill for hours on end. Although the demonstration was peaceful, even the organisers found it difficult to regulate the flow of the vast humanity.

They carried placards and shouted slogans against the Bill and expressed by rhising their fist that they were ready to protect their religious rights at any cost.

The demonstration was led by Arch Bishop Benedict Mar Gregorios, Bishop T.S. Joseph, Bishop Dr. Kornalios Elangical, Bishop Joseph Mar Ivanius, Bishop Mathews Mar Kurilos, Bishop Joseph Pallikaparampil, Bishop Paulos Mar Pilaxinos and many others.

Reports of similar demonstrations are coming from various parts of the country where the Christian community is concentrated. Muslims and Sikhs have joined them in opposing the Bill. In some places like Lucknow the Arya Samaj has held counter demonstrations in support of the Bill.

A massive demonstration is being planned in New Delhi against the Bill.

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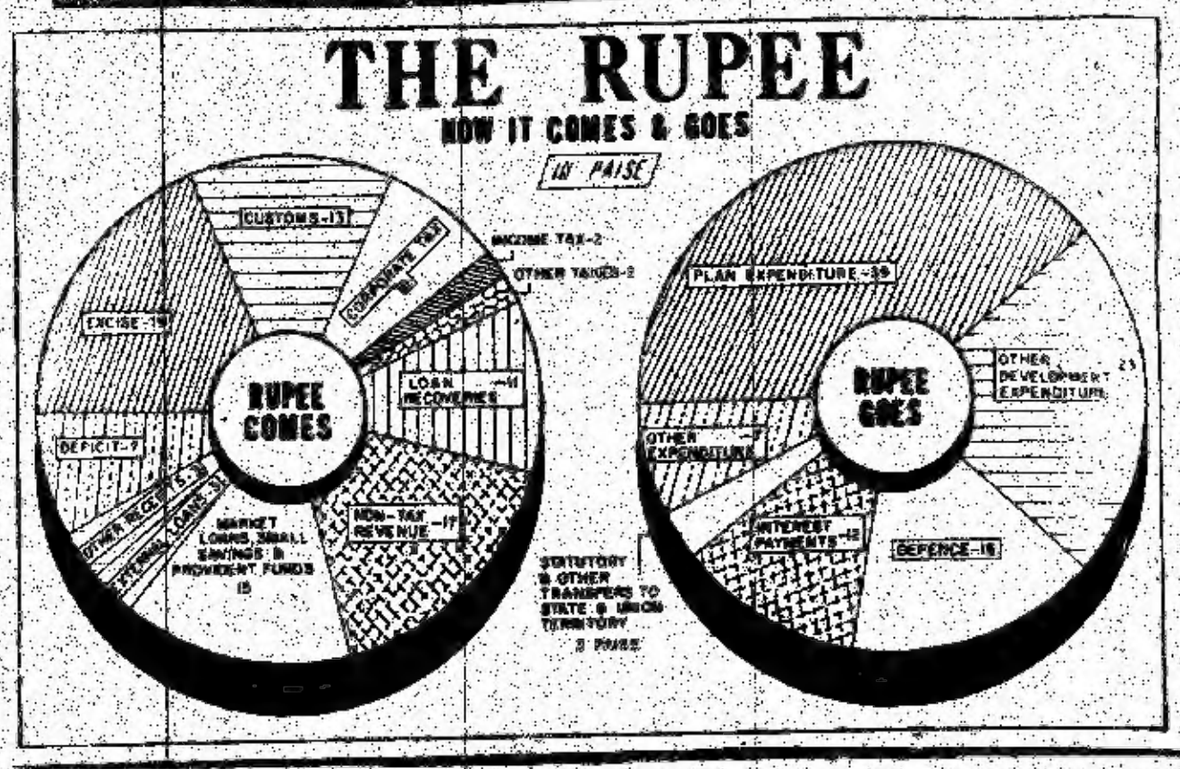

New Delhi: (FOC) Out of every rupee which the Government will collect during 1979-80, 19 paise will come from excise, 13 paise from customs, eight paise from corporate taxes and two paise each from income tax and other taxes.

Loan recoveries will bring 11 paise, non-tax revenue 17 paise; market loans, small savings and provident funds 15 paise, and external loans and other receipts three paise each. Seven paise has been left as deficit.

From every rupee thus collected, Government will spend 39 paise on Plan expenditure, and 23 paise on other development expenditure. Defence will cost 10 paise, interest payments 12 paise, and statutory and other transfers to State and Union Territory Governments three paise. Seven paise will be on other expenditure.

Vajpayee to visit U.S.A.

New Delhi, April 12 (UNI) - External Affairs Minister A.B. Vajpayee would visit the United States on April 24 for talks with U.S. Government leaders on important bilateral matters and major international issues.

Mr. Vajpayee is scheduled to have detailed discussions with the U.S. Secretary of States Cyrus Vance and is expected to confer separately with President Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Vajpayee will be accompanied by a high-level delegation including some economic and technical experts since during his stay in Washington he will also co-chair the next meeting of the Indo-US Joint Economic Commission. Mr. Vance will head the US delegation.

Detailed briefs are being prepared for Mr. Vajpayee's visit. It is understood that the question of future supplies of enriched uranium for the Tarapur power plant will dominate the discussions.

Mr. Vajpayee will tell the State Department that if the USA goes back on its obligations India will be free to reprocess the nuclear waste from Tarapur to find fuel for power generation.

During his talks in Washington Mr. Vajpayee will apprise the Americans of his talks with the Chinese leaders in Peking, and the outcome of the visit of Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin. He will also ascertain U.S. views on China following the establishment of full diplomatic relations between Washington and Peking.

Another major subject for discussion will be the proposed supply of fighter aircraft to Pakistan, and the developments in Iran and Afghanistan.

China's attack on Vietnam and the deteriorating situation in South-East Asia will also come up for a detailed review.

Mr. Vajpayee will express India's concern to the despatch of a carrier-led US Naval Task Force into the Indian Ocean.

He is also expected to carry a message from Prime Minister Morarji Desai for President Jimmy Carter.

Routes to energy self sufficiency

New Delhi (IBS) - A member of the Planning Commission M.V.G. Rajadhyakaha feels that India has only two routes to energy self-sufficiency - alcohol and solar energy, which are renewable and inexaustible, and nuclear power based on fusion and hybrid reactors.

Alcohol can be made from agricultural waste, in addition to molasses, generally used as manure, animal feed and for the manufacture of paper. Consequently, the Planning Commission, according to reliable sources, was seriously considering alcohol as a total replacement for petroleum. For, the import of crude oil and petroleum products in the financial year 1979-80 was expected to cost India over Rs. 5,000 million more than the previous year because of the recent 9-05 per cent price hike. The total import bill for crude oil and petroleum products in 1979-80 is now estimated to cross Rs. 23,000 million as against Rs. 18,000 million in 1978-79.

Foreign trade set up to be revamped

New Delhi (IBS) - The designation of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports is being changed to Director-General of Foreign trade to give a concrete shape to the new promotional role assigned to all agencies dealing with exports. Apart from this change, a number of additional functions have been allotted to the new set-up such as undertaking analysis of price implications of tariff and cash assistance and monitoring of exports of items for which cash assistance is being given by the Government.

The organisation will also deal with overall supervision of quality control and pre-shipment inspection functions of the regulatory organisations like the Textile Committee and the Exports Inspection Council.

In addition, the Government has also re-defined the role of export organisations like the State Trading Corporation and its subsidiaries, the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation, The Export Credit Guarantee Corporation and the Trade Development Authority to make them more action-oriented and instruments for the growth of export sectors of the economy, particularly in the small scale and cottage industry sectors.

Export promotion councils and commodity boards are also being energised to play a more dynamic role. Their procedures are being simplified with a view to providing them with greater operational flexibility.

MANY CHILDREN NOT GOING TO SCHOOL

New Delhi (IBS) - Seventy per cent of boys and 85 per cent girls in the 9-14 age group are still not going to school, according to Minister of State for Education Mrs. Renuka Devi Barkataki.

Inaugurating a seminar on "Development of Strategies for Non-formal Education in Urban Slum Areas" here March 29, Mrs. Barkataki said that States identified as backward in literacy were Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal.

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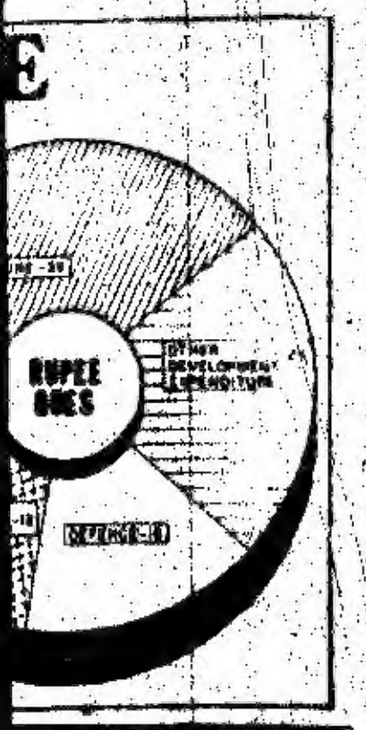

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Billa and Ranga to be hanged

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The judge described the "diabolic and cruel" murder of Geeta and Sanjay as the "worst of the decade" and said that the ends of justice would be met only if the two accused were put "to eternal sleep, thereby allowing others to live in peace."

Mr. Chawla also sentenced the two to seven years' rigorous imprisonment for criminally assaulting Geeta and to five years' rigorous imprisonment on two counts of kidnapping. The sentences of imprisonment were ordered to run concurrently.

In his judgement Mr. Chawla said: "The two desperadoes in this case, hoodwinking the Bombay police in order to escape the iron hand of the law, shifted the venue of their criminal activities to Delhi. In the latter city, these two wolves, in the grab of and under the guise of human beings, wandered on the streets of Delhi driving a stolen car, in search of their prey. On the pretext of extending a helping hand to Geeta and Sanjay who thumbed a "lift" these two hardened and professional criminals committed kidnapping and rape and even the murder of the two teenagers."

"Little did Sanjay and Geeta know that their free ride in the car was going to be a death-ride. Their murder unleashed a wave of terror, bringing to its lowest ebb the sense of security among the peace-loving citizens."

The accused were given the option to appeal against their conviction and sentence to the High Court within 30 days.

China trip defended

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Replying to a seven-hour debate on the demands for grants of the External Affairs Ministry, Mr. Vajpayee told his critics that he was not a "fence sitter". He believed in taking risks and initiatives. "But nothing has been done against the honour of the country", he added.

Earlier, Raj Narain (Janata) while staging a walk-out because he did not get a chance to speak said that he did not want to hear Mr. Vajpayee who had "sold the dignity and honour of the country", to China.

Mr. Vajpayee said Mr. Narain had "gone mad or lost his balance of mind". The foreign policy was determined by the Cabinet and so long as he was in the Cabinet, the foreign policy of this Government was all right. Now that he (Raj Narain) was out of the Cabinet, the foreign policy was bad for him. "Nobody has taken a contract of patriotism. We are also patriots", he added.

Garland canal scheme under study

New Delhi, Apr. 13 (UNI) - Soviet engineers are joining experts of the World Bank and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) to assist India in examining the possibility of implementing the gigantic Rs. 15,000 crore scheme to link its major rivers with a "garland canal".

Disclosing this in the Lok Sabha (Lower House) Prime Minister Morarji Desai said the matter was taken up during the recent visit of Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin to New Delhi as the Soviet engineers had worked on a similar project in Siberia.

Mr. Desai said the government was examining the scheme "seriously and urgently".

If the scheme was implemented, he said, it would solve the problem of annual floods, provide irrigation water to vast areas, and end unemployment and shortage of electricity. Besides, it would also help improve water transport.

The scheme envisages utilisation of the entire waters of the Himalayas and all the rivers through a nation wide network of canals.

However, the Prime Minister said one difficulty with the scheme was the absence of hard rocks in the Himalayas which brought in the possibility of a landslide. Therefore, the experts had to make sure that there were no undue risks in implementing the scheme.

Inquiry into conversions sought

Calcutta, Apr. 13 (UNI) - Arya Samaj Leader Swami Agnivesh has demanded that a high power commission be set up to check into the "colossal amount" of foreign money pouring into the country for proseltisation of tribals and other economically backward classes.

Mr. Agnivesh, who is a member of the Haryana Legislative Assembly, told reporters on Monday that the commission should also go into the political implications of the mass proselytisation and the danger it posed to the country.

He said the Arya Samaj would organise meetings inviting representatives of all religions and sects to remove the misgivings about the proposed Freedom of Religion Bill. "We will also invite a representative of the Bible Society", he added.

He said the bill should be passed at the earliest and implemented faithfully. The Arya Samaj would submit a memorandum to the Governor and the Chief Minister of West Bengal soliciting their support in getting the Bill passed.

The Swami said the Freedom of Religion Bill had the full support of the Arya Samaj which was "determined to oppose the corrosive influence of huge unaccountable funds diverted from foreign sources into the coffers of the affluent missionary societies".

The Prime Minister Morarji Desai, inaugurated a Rs 400 crore Petro-chemical complex in Baroda, the first of its kind in India.

The complex marked the successful culmination of the cooperation between Indian design, engineering and construction companies, Indian and foreign equipment manufacturers and various government and private research organisations and the international process licensors.

On the extreme left is the Minister for Petroleum and Chemicals H.N. Bahuguna.

Two voices on nuclear policy

New Delhi (IBS) - Times without numbers Prime Minister Morarji Desai has reiterated, in precise and unconditional terms, that India would never go in for nuclear weapons. He has conceded the possibility of considering peaceful explosions if justifiable for development. But on nuclear weapons there has been no wavering. He is committed to neither developing nor acquiring these weapons of mass destruction a stand that conforms to Jawaharlal Nehru's policies and is supported by a large section of opinion in this country.

Eyebrows were, therefore, raised when recently, during a Parliament debate, Foreign Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee repeatedly referred the possibility of India building nuclear weapons if the international situation and events in the neighbourhood so warranted.

This makes the decision a matter of strategy and convenience, not one of principle.

The statement has already created doubts in the minds of India's neighbours Pakistan above all - doubts that will encourage the pro-bomb lobbies there.

For the time being at least, there seems no reason to disbelieve President Zia-ul-Haq's assurance to Desai that "Pakistan's entire nuclear programme is geared to peaceful uses and that Pakistan has no intention of acquiring or developing nuclear weaponry".

Unfortunately, this is not the only issue on which members of Desai's Government have expressed different views in Public.

Sharply, divergent opinions have, for example, been expressed on various aspects of economic policy.

This is bad enough: but to speak with two voices on foreign affairs is not only to invite ridicule but invite outsiders to exploit differences.

Nagaland favours English

Kohima (IBS) - The Nagaland Assembly unanimously passed a private member's resolution urging the Centre to declare English as a regional language and incorporate it in the eighth schedule of the Indian Constitution.

The resolution, moved by deputy leader of the opposition T.A. Ngullie, also urged the Centre to allow the people of the North-Eastern region to write their answers in competitive examinations, conducted by the Union Public Service Commission, in English instead of regional language.

New managing director for IA

New Delhi (IBS) - G.D. Mathur has taken over as Managing Director of Indian Airlines in succession to M.C. Sarin whose departure on four months leave came in the wake of intense criticism on the working of the airline, both in and outside Parliament.

A former Director of the Defence Audit in the Ministry of Defence, Sarin joined Indian Airlines for a two-year term in August 1977.

Mathur is the second person, after A.H. Mehta (1976-77), to have risen from the ranks to the position of Managing Director. All others were outsiders on deputation which was strongly resented by those working for the airline.

New policy on education

Pune, April 12 (UNI) - Prime Minister Morarji Desai on Sunday said the Government would soon announce a new education policy overhauling education throughout the country.

Speaking at a Bhumipuja (worshipping the earth) of a student hostel here, he said for the last two years he had been trying to evolve an education system which would meet the requirements of the modern times.

He did not elaborate on what changes he had in mind, but merely said the new policy would revolutionise education.

RAJASTHAN TO GO DRY IN NOVEMBER

Bombay (IBS) - Prohibition will be introduced in the remaining 13 districts of Rajasthan by the end of November, according to a decision taken at a meeting of the Janata Party and Sarvodaya leaders with Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat here.

Big bank robery

Calcutta (IBS) - Eight armed men looted Rs. 2.71 million from the Burrabazar branch of the State Bank, this being the biggest bank robbery in Calcutta's history.

According to the police, the accountant, the cashier and three employees of the bank were finalising the day's accounts after office hours when the robbers, armed with pistols and daggers, entered the bank, gagged and tied up the bank employees, emptied the safe containing the money and escaped in a van, the entire operation lasting ten minutes.

Later the police arrested four persons, two of them chowkidars of the bank.

Emergency and newspapers

New Delhi (IBS) - The annual report of the Registrar of Newspapers for India for 1976 reveals a gloomy picture of the press in the country during the Emergency clamped by former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi in June 1975.

The declarations of more than 2,600 newspapers were cancelled between June 25, 1975 and December 31, 1976. The report presented to the Lok Sabha also revealed a fall in the total circulation of daily newspapers and a fall in the growth of newspapers in general during the year under review.

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HIGH COMMISSION

The heartless manner in which an employee was treated by the Indian High Commission in Ottawa makes one wonder how often such incidents take place in many of the Indian missions abroad. The corruption one finds in the Indian bureaucracy in India is also exported to the Indian missions. Only rarely, if ever, the public comes to know of such and incidents.

Also the fact that 800 books on India are on the missing list makes disturbing reading. North America is a place where it is often hard to find books on India. Many who do research on India complain of the lack of books on India. The Information Service of India has to take up its task seriously and work hard to create a better image of India in Canada.

The new High Commissioner Gen. Raina, we hope, will take up some of these issues mentioned elsewhere seriously and come up with appropriate solutions.

With the passing of the nuclear cloud that came between India and Canada and after the visit of several top Canadian politicians to India, the climate is most suitable to build a lasting friendship between the two countries. The High Commission of India should not lose this excellent opportunity - because of its lack of vision, interest or initiative.

Wife acquitted in defamation case

Hyderabad, Apr. 14 (UNI) - A woman, who was charged with defamation by her husband for having written a candid article on her sex life, has been acquitted by a city magistrate.

Mohammed Ali, who heard the case, felt that the publication of such articles can "give hope and solace to the silent sufferers" and drive them "to undergo correctional treatment and lead happy lives together".

The editor and publisher of a Bombay-based women's periodical, which published the article, were also acquitted of the charge of defamation.

The complainant, a city engineer, had married the woman at Bangalore on July 8, 1976. After a month-long honeymoon the bride went back to her parents at Bangalore. The girl's parents wrote to their son-in-law to resign his job and live with them at Bangalore. He refused to do so.

Later he came across the article "a Wife Writes" in the Bombay periodical.

The husband filed a defamation case in the city court against his wife and the editor and publisher of the periodical. He alleged that his wife was "over-sexed, took to reading cheap foreign books and was craving for perverse and vulgar forms of intercourse".

The wife, in a counter petition, alleged that the marriage was not consummated. She wanted the court to direct her husband to undergo a medical checkup. She submitted that her intention in writing the article was to save the lives of innocent girls who might find themselves in her position.

During his examination, the husband asserted that he was not impotent and admitted premarital sex with more than 100 women.

Dr. P.L. Singh, a noted psychiatrist of Bombay, deposed before the court that such articles on sex could prove valuable to the suffering public. The magistrate accepted his view.

Letters

Krishna Bhakti controversy

The short report on the **Krishna Bhakti controversy** (March 15, 1979) throws some light on the present day argumentation about the priority of one cult over another: a western one over an eastern one. Allow me to point out that the recent suggestion by a Swedish gentleman is **not** a new performance; it is the revival of an **old** discussion which is about a century old. Colonel G.A. Jacob, translator and commentator of an important work on the Vedanta - the **Vedanta Sar** - mentions that in 1869 one Mr. Lorinsar published an article in the **Indian Antiquary** claiming that the Brahmins of India borrowed Christian ideas from the early Christian community in India located at the south-western tip. Writing in the same magazine, Mr. Burnell refuted the arguments of Mr. Lorinsar. The Krishna Bhakti movement was older than that, being an offshoot of the Hindu religion known as Vaisnavism. Its roots may be traced to the Upanishads, that is, the philosophical texts. Ramanuj (1019-1039 A.D.), the great south Indian philosopher systematized Vaisnavism which is one of the two main branches of Hindu religious systems. It is to his philosophy and not the inscriptions found in various parts of India and even outside that country which supplies us the clue to Krishna Bhakti. The inscriptions mention Vishnu or Vasudev as the incarnations of God. The Gita ought to be another source because it was inserted into the Mahabharat, a great epic. Is the Gita older than the Gospels?

Albert Schweitzer in his famous book entitled **The Quest of Historical Jesus** mentions that in 1900 A.D. one Mr. J.M. Robertson published a book which he called **Christianity and Mythology**. It made the absurd suggestion that the Christ-myth was merely a form of Krishna-myth.

Here the table has been turned. Albert Schweitzer also critically examines a number of pamphlets on Christ's visit to India, Tibet and particularly Kashmir where it is claimed that He lies buried. These are certainly absurd stories. Our influential daily recently published an article on the Kashmir claim and it was contradicted by me.

The Bhakti movement is an integral part of the philosophy of Vaisnavism. Krishna-worship has been a **north** Indian phenomenon far removed from Malabar where ancient Christianity was planted by St. Thomas himself. Between the two regions there is a gap of nearly two thousand miles. Ideas do travel but not very easily. There was moreover the language barrier - Sanskrit, Hindi and Bengali on one side and Syriac and Malayalam on the other. The roots of the Krishna Bhakti movement in Vaisnavism must be found in the **Gita**, the Vishnu Purau, the Gopalatapani Upanishad, the Sandilya Sutras and many other Sanskrit works. Mira, the great Rajput poetess, wrote in classical Hindi. Jaidev sang about the Radha-Krishna illicit and amorous love in his immortal lyric known as **Gitgovindam**. Finally, in the eastern part of India Chaitanya became the exponent of a kind of Bhakti, a total self-surrender of the individual, which has a similarity with the theology of F.E.E. Schleirmacher (1768-1834). Many similarities can be detected between Christianity and Bhakti movement, between Islamic Sufism and that Krishna cult. One should not confuse the one with the other for the simple reason that there is no literary evidence. Inscriptions may be misleading especially when they are discovered in the northwest of India because it was Buddhism that prevailed there. R.C. Majumdar, an Indologist, did support the view that the cult of Krishna was known in western India and beyond as far as Armenia long before Christ. Perhaps the Hellenic rites of the god known as Dynosius were confused with the practices generally associated with the name of Krishna.

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N.C. Chatterji
Regina, Sask.

Actor emigrates

I am writing this letter to you in connection with a report which appeared in the issue of The Canadian India Times of January 18th, 1979 regarding my migration to Canada sent to your esteemed paper by a news agency in New Delhi. In the body of the report there is a line which states "David was delayed in his departure by migration formalities including the one about seeking employment in Canada, etc." The question of seeking employment is unfortunately misleading. The delay in permission had nothing to do with my seeking employment but it was the usual routine formality which occurs in cases of people seeking immigration to Canada. I must state however that the Canadian authorities were kind enough to act in my nephew's request asking for permission for me to emigrate and grant it in due course of time as a result I am now in Canada permanently.

David Abraham
Hamilton, Ontario.

Hike in air fares

Bombay (IBS) - Most international passenger fares and cargo rates to and from India will go up by seven per cent from May 1 as a result of the continuing rise in aviation fuel costs. Air India announced April 5.

The hike, which is subject to Government approval, was agreed to by 65 major scheduled airlines of the world at a meeting held in Geneva between March 26 and April 3, it said.

This seven per cent, however, may not affect those buying their passenger tickets in this country, as the Government intends to abolish the 12½ per cent tax on overseas air fares imposed by Yeshwantrao Chavan in 1971 when he was Finance Minister in Mrs. Indira Gandhi's Congress Government.

Singapore job-seekers

Singapore, March 30 (UNI) - About 800 Indians who came here in search of jobs and were subsequently stranded for want of return sea passage will be cleared before the end of April.

The first batch of 300 will be sailing on board "Chidambram" on Sunday while the second group will travel by "Nancowrie" on April 20. The third and the last batch is scheduled to sail on the second voyage of 'Chidambram" on April 22.

The men, mostly from South India, had arrived with return tickets based on reports circulated there that shipbuilders here were recruiting workers. Once in Singapore, they found there were no chances.

Village of vice

Basai Khurd (Agra), Apr. 15 (UNI) - The nightly gaiety that for centuries pervaded this village has given way to sullen silence, signifying the end of a tradition.

For nearly 300 years the village harboured the tradition in which girls were born to be prostitutes or mistresses and boys to be pimps.

Now, after a series of police raids, all but a few women have fled their homes and with them has departed the nocturnal music and jingle of dancing feet that made the village notorious.

The district gazetteer traces the tradition to a group of Beghadiyas, a criminal tribe, which settled here at the time the Taj Mahal was being built. Their women, probably out of necessity, entertained site workers and men farmed, when not pimping.

The custom continued and grew into a tradition, hiring pleasure seekers, rich or reckless, from places as far away as Delhi and Lucknow.

What distinguished Basai from any ordinary red light area was the guiltless ease with which the girls took to the profession and men to pimping for their sisters and daughters. But at night it looked no different. Daily as the sun went down painted faces flooded lanes and alleys.

The bygone days, petty princes and rich land-owners from neighbouring provinces frequented Basai Khurd and virgins went to bed on the "nuptial night" with the highest bidders. With princes and feudal landlords gone, affluent traders took over.

Not all the women in a family were prostitutes. Married women conducted themselves as orthodox housewives although daughters they begot were expected to go the way of other girls.

Public opinion in the State had long been outraged by this sinister system. The police in Agra started a campaign 20 years ago but with little success until some weeks ago when they stumbled on the secret chambers in every house where the girls retreated the moment they sensed a raid.

But they have merely driven the evil from the village to the city. A police officer said, of late they had received reports of a sudden increase in the activities of call girls and streetwalkers in Agra.

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Founding of Khalsa Brotherhood

By Narenjan Singh Basarke

On the soil of India around the 15th century the two great religions of the world Islam a mature and dynamic but essentially of the Western family of religions and Hinduism an Eastern pacifist faith met face to face. The impact resulting from this meeting was most violent and in fact a long unhappy tale of mutual hostility. Religion which was supposed to create social harmony and goodwill became the cause of hatred and an instrument of oppression.

In these chaotic times a saviour, Sat Guru Nanak was born in 1469 in Punjab, who was the founder of Sikh religion. He described the social political conditions of his time in one of his many mystic hymns:

"The age is the knife, the kings are butchers. The righteousness has taken wings and the moon of truth can not be seen behind the cloud of oppression."

Sat Guru Nanak preached the fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man. He was the first prophet to declare himself to be low among the lowly:

"Human in form, Nanak by name. His deeds meritless but obedient like a cur waiting for his Lords command at His door"

His gospel of love preached equally to all attracted around him men of good will and discerning spirit. He preached:

"That of all the religions the highest one is to utter the Holy Name with loving adoration. The true discipline is to live pure among the impurities of this world and do noble deeds."

Sat Guru Nanaks work was carried on after him by his nine successors each one of whom carried out preplanned task in building a dynamic and independent nation to serve as a bridge between the two warring religions. The Sikh religion may truly be described as a vision of Hindu-Muslim accord and the Sikh Sat Gurus" The Great Integrators".

Counter to the popular Sikh faith was the proselytising policy of the Muslim rulers of the land, the Mogul emperors, which with each successor picked up momentum until with the ascending of Aurangzeb to the imperial throne it became a holocaust.

Although the aim of the Sikh religious teachings was to realise the vision of Hindu-Muslim accord and goodwill towards all other faiths, the fanaticism of the Mogul emperors did not even spare the Sikhs. The fifth Sat Guru Arjan Dev was arrested for compiling "Adi Granth" the Sikh sacred scriptures and subjected to inhuman tortures until he died.

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Aurangzeb the new emperor was a very austere and orthodox Muslim who regulated his life according to the tenets of Islam but he was a very bigotted person who had the ambition of converting all the unbelievers to Islam by persuation or failing that by sword.

Religious doctrine enforced by authority is very revolting to human conscience. Also when political rulers of the land become an instrument of its propagation the religion loses its grace and it then becomes an instrument of oppression. The two major religions no doubt gave their followers a sure sense of reality of the unseen power which holds the key to the destiny of man but it imposed religious bigotry which stifles free thinking. When righteousness is practiced not for its own sake but because it is sanctioned by the faith then it is practiced with a fervour and fanaticism that is ungodly. The wicked are wicked and in sinning get their retribution but the evil that the religious men do in the name of righteousness is much more than the evil of the evildoers. Many defenders of the faith are offenders against truth. The excellence of a religion is not the dogma which its High Priest enjoin on its faithfuls to die for but that part of it which it is capable of sharing with others and also its capacity to take the truth in heart not only to resolve the suffering which is inherent in the innermost core of man but also to spiritualise this mundane world into a higher and fuller creative manifestation. Tolerance is a homage which our finite mind pays to the inexhaustibility of the infinite.

At the time of Muslim emperor Aurangzeb, the spiritual throne of Sat Guru Nanak was held by Sat Guru Teg Bahadar the 9th. Sat Guru of the Sikhs. He was a very quiet and peace loving person who has spent most of his life in contemplative seclusion. The proclamation issued by the emperor to bring all non believers into the Islam fold by whatever means necessary created chaotic conditions in the land. A deputation of the leading Hindus waited upon Sat Guru Teg Bahadar to give them leadership in this crisis. He agreed to go to Delhi and meet the emperor to ask for the freedom of worship for all faiths. He was arrested on the Way to Delhi, produced before the emperor and was charged for espousing the cause of unbelievers. He was given the choice of accepting conversion to Islam or face death. He was beheaded in public and died a martyr to save the religion other than his own.

His son Gobind Rai was only 9 years old when his father was arrested. From his prison Sat Guru Teg Bahadar wrote the following note to his son Gobind Rai:

"I am fettered. My strength is gone. I now lean upon my God to rescue me from this state as He saved Gajindar (The elephant in the Epic).

Promptly replied Gobind Rai:

"We have the strength. Our fetters shall be broken. Everything is in the hands of God who for sure would come to help"

This optimism and self confidence and complete reliance in God as a protector of those who fight for a righteous cause was a revolutionary change in thinking after a long time.

With the martyrdom of his father Gobind Rai inherited the responsibilities of his spiritual throne at the tender age of 9 years.

He declared that two of his predecessors, his father and his great grandfather attained martyrdom to stem the rising tide of oppression. It has not shown any signs of abatement. We would use sword to stop it. When all means have failed to resolve an issue, it is very reasonable to use the sword to settle it.

Sat Guru Gobind Singh was a superb poet, a prolific writer and a great patron of letters. He was a warrior of indomitable courage, an expert archer and a dashing rider.

To destroy the tyrannical rule of the Mogul empire, the Sat Guru founded the militant order of Khalsa Brotherhood by baptising first five volunteers from among the congregation on the New Year day gathering. The baptismal nectar was prepared by stirring sweet water in a steel bowl with a steel Kirpan and chanting of sacred hymns. These first five were called "Five Beloved Ones" and were asked in return to baptise the Sat Guru. Thus the personality of Sat Guru and his five beloved ones representing the congregation merged into one. Later on they baptised the members of the congregation and the foundation of a casteless brotherhood of Khalsa was laid. After baptism all took the surname "Singh" and were enjoined to wear 5 K s or symbols to distinguish them from other faiths. Sat Guru Gobind Singh thus ushered in a new revolutionary era without changing the basic tenets laid down by the earlier Sat Gurus. In Sat Guru Nanak's time the God was the God of grace, defender of the meek and beloved of the saints. The God of Sat Guru Gobind Singh was the destroyer of his enemies, grants victory in the battle for righteous cause and bestows eternal bliss to those who die in the battle field.

The sacred mission of the Sat Guru as spelled out by him clearly brings out the two sides of it. The evil doers were to be extirpated by sword but the true faith is to be spread by peaceful means.

Most of Sat Guru Gibind Singh's time was spent in the battlefield. Ironically the first three battles were fought in defending against the combined attack by the 21 Rajas. These Hindu Rajas were thoroughly demoralised and were afraid that the militant policy of the Sat Guru will bring in their territory the imperial forces who would plunder and impose taxes for keeping peace. In order to forestall this eventuality they attacked the Sat Guru's fort and requested the emperor to send help to oust the Sat Guru as he is spreading rebellion among the loyal subjects. The emperor despatched army with orders to destroy the fort, scatter all his followers and to capture the Sat Guru to be brought to Delhi in chains. The battle was a protracted and sanguine but the army failed to capture the Sat Guru or dampen his courage. Ultimately the Sat Guru escaped the tight ring of the encircling army by bravely fighting his way out in a sortie. In this struggle many of his dedicated followers and his sons died bravely fighting the odds. The younger two sons were martyrd.

Separated from his followers and family he escaped to South Panjab out of the reach of the imperial army which gave up persuing him by admitting defeat.

The emperor reading the account of the battles and the heroism shown by the Sat Guru and his followers began to have second thoughts about fighting with him. He wrote a personal letter to Sat Guru inviting him to talk things over, knowing that the Sat Guru will be more agreeable after what he has gone through. Sat Guru Gobind Singh wrote a very defiant letter called the epistle of victory or The Zaffarnama!

"I have no faith in your oaths even if you bring God as your witness nor I will rely on the pledges of your courtiers and ministers as they are all liars. Not a hair of my head was touched nor I suffered in any way for the God the destroyer of my enemies Himself pulled me out to safety."

This is the saga of Sat Guru Gobind Singh who took upon himself to arouse the people oppressed for centuries, by breathing promethian fire into them and to take up arms against their oppressors. He was a beau ideal of his devotees. A handsome man whose exploits as a cavalier, swordsman, archer and a skilful equestrian endeared him to all who came in contact with him. Stories of his prodigious strength and valour multiplied and he became quite a legendary figure in his own time.

REWARD

In challenging the might of the long established Muslim rule the Sikhs aroused the fury of the rulers to the full and were thus singled out by them to be completely exterminated. There was a reward paid for each head of the Sikh brought to the authorities. It is true that Muslims spilled more Sikh blood than anybody else did, but the Sikhs also learnt a lesson that no nation can become strong unless it has learnt to spill blood without shirking. Ahammed Shah Abdali an Afghan invader invaded India over 16 times, plundered and carried away the booty and young girls to his country but the Sikhs invariably relieved him of all the spoil by raiding the caravan enroute. He pledged that he would exterminate all Sikhs to a man but every time he found them in larger numbers than his previous invasion.

Within a short period of time after the founding of Khalsa brotherhood by Sat Guru Gobind Singh, a new type of people, beturbanned and fully armed with crusaders zeal were born to build a new Khalsa commonwealth on the ashes of Muslim empire which crashed like a house of cards after the demise of Aurangzeb. The baptism of steel and the promethian fire breathed into them by Sat Guru Gobind Singh completely transformed their character. They not only stopped for all times to come the recurring invasion of India that had plagued the country from the 12th century, but for the first time in the history of India the Sikhs carried the war right into the homes of the invaders by defeating them and celebrating this victory in Kabul. It seemed that a tremendous amount of dynamic energy potential was awaiting the call of a master psychologist to release it and harness the same for creative work.

Since the dawn of history, the world has adored and idealised those rare and noble souls like Sat Guru Gobind Singh whose greatness lay in what they had achieved by their words and deeds and in stamping infinity on the current life and thought of their country by adding unlimited goodness to the world. To a world given over to the pursuit of power, pleasure, wealth and glory they declared that the reality of the unseen world is the man's call of spiritual life. Their self possession and self command, their strange deep wisdom, their exquisite humility, their gentleness of soul, their abounding humanity proclaim in no uncertain terms that the destiny of a man is to discover his self and thereby further the universal life of which he is an integral part.

Opposition sees danger signals

New Delhi, Apr. 13 (UNI) - Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha (Lower House) of Parliament has said that the national scene after two years of Janata rule was full of "danger signals."

In a broadcast to the nation C.M. Stephen asked the people to be vigilant to ensure that the national fabric was not basically damaged in spite of "the momentary vicissitudes."

Mr. Stephen's broadcast, which followed that of Prime Minister Morarji Desai listed several "disturbing aspects of the national life" though he conceded that it was not all bleak in every sphere. The problems Mr. Stephen listed were: inflation, the "frightening" problem of unemployment, a feeling of insecurity among the minorities, linguistic chauvinism, progressive erosion of self-reliance and the increasing threats to national security.

However, Mr. Stephen said, the record in agricultural production last year and the satisfactory growth in certain areas of industrial development were "silver linings in an otherwise dismal setting."

A new dimension had been added to the "already distressing situation by the fiscal policies and proposals in the Budget," the opposition leader said. Acceptance of foreign aid, which was being reduced progressively from the Third Five Year Plan to bring it down in the zero level, had again started mounting from 1977.

The policy of self-abnegation in the sphere of nuclear development had shocked the nation and drawn countrywide protests, "foreign collaboration, technical and otherwise, is being grafted into areas where we have the requisite capability", he said.

Mr. Stephen noted that the solid structure built in the course of years "continues to remain more or less strong in spite of the batterings it has been receiving during the preceding months."

Phalke Award for Boral

New Delhi (IBS) - Top music director of yesteryears Rai Chand Boral has received the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke award for 1978, it was announced here.

Boral, who now leads a retired life in Calcutta, was primarily instrumental in creating the Sahgal legend. Some of the famous films for which he provided music were "Vidyapathi" - an all-time classic of the Indian Cinema - "Sapera", "Street Singer", "Harjeet", "Lagan" and "Sangandh."

Previous award winners were: Devika Rani, B.N. Sircar, Prithviraj Kapoor (posthumous), Pankaj Mullick, Suby Myers (Sulochana), B.N. Reddy, Dhiren Ganguli, Kanan Devi and Nitin Bose.

Boral belonged to New Theatres of Calcutta as did B.N. Sircar, Panjak Mullick, Kanan Devi, Nitin Bose and, in the first phase of his career, Prithviraj Kapoor.

Maharashtra Dy. Speaker removed

Bombay (IBS) - The Maharashtra Assembly removed its Deputy Speaker Gajananrao Gurud by expressing its non-confidence in him. Elected as an Independent in the March 1978 poll, Gurud later joined the coalition of the two Congress parties which assumed power in the State for a few months.

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Understanding Indians ...II

By Hari N. Shrivastava
and
Raguvansh L. Kapila

India has a population of over 600 million. The composition of the population as regards religion is very intriguing. Almost all the major religions are represented there. Although the Hindu population remains dominant, there are over 75 million Moslems, possibly close to the present population of Pakistan; and about 19 million Christians, which is almost 80 per cent of the total population of Canada. There is a considerable Jewish population in the southern part of India. Zoroastrians, an exile group from Persia took refuge in India and have enjoyed an equal status ever since. As a policy, India supports all the major religions of the world. This is reflected in recognising some of the major religious events as national holidays.

Sanskrit, the native language of ancient India is recognised as the oldest in the world. A remarkable similarity is observed among Sanskrit, Latin, Greek, and English. Sanskrit is well known for brevity and is very rich in expression. Therefore it is considered a refined and perfect language by the scholars. It is interesting to note that most of the Indian languages derived from Sanscrit have the alphabet so accurate and methodical that one writes exactly what one speaks and vice-versa. The letters in the alphabet are arranged in accordance with the phonetic base of humans; sound producing apparatus, i.e. throat, tongue, lips etc. During the early childhood an Indian receives a vocal training of 52 distinctly pronounceable letters. Therefore persons with such a training possess a greater flexibility in pronunciation.

Nevertheless, currently there are 15 languages that have the official status in various provinces and about 720 dialects extending across the country. Hindi is recognised as the national language, but at the same time literary growth of other Indic languages is equally encouraged.

The classical literature of India has been in great demand all over the world. In several cases the commentaries have been written for the benefit of other linguistic groups. The **Vedas**, four sacred books of India written in Sanskrit are recognised by UNESCO as the first written document in the world, and have been translated in several languages. Some of the other translations are as follows. **Artha-sastra**, a classic in economics and political science; Kapilas' **Samkhya**, which enumerated the basic elements of evolutionary dualism; Kanadas' **Vaisesika** or realistic pluralism also dealt with atom behaviour and power; Gautams' **Nyaya** or logical realism; Patanjalis' **Yoga** or disciplined meditation; Badarayanas' **Vedanta** that is end of veda (wisdom); **Shrimad Bhagwata Gita**, a discourse in Bramha vidya (Science of Soul); Tulsidas' **Ramayan**, a story of king Rama elaborating model life-style for man by observing basic moral duties; **Shakuntala**, a drama by Kalidas; **Panchtantra**, stories by Vishnu Sharma; Gitanjli, poetry by Tagore, which was awarded Nobel prize for literature. Intriguingly, these translations have been done without any efforts on the part of any Hindu organization or the Government of India. The teachings of Swami Vivekanunda, Mahatma Gandhi, and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan are very popular among the intellectuals of the world.

The words of Dr. Radhakrishnan, the late President of India, "Half of the world moves on independent foundations which Hinduism supplied. China and Japan; Tibet and Siam, Burma and Ceylon look to India as their spiritual home," are a befitting tribute to the rich heritage of India. Some other countries like Trinidad, Guyana, Fiji and Mauritius may also be added to the list. It is noteworthy that by absorbing certain traits of the Indian thoughts and culture, the far eastern countries have not become a cultural colonies of India, but instead have developed a unique culture and civilization of their own.

Science and Mathematics

Indias' work in science is both old and very young; young as an independent and secular pursuit, old as a subsidiary interest of her priests. Those sciences were cultivated first that contributed to religion e.g. Astronomy grew out of worship.

The symbols of house of zodiac introduced by India are universally used. The time of creation of the world, the speed of the planets, time of the next lunar or solar eclipse are at the finger tips of every Indian village priest. Even the birth of a child is recorded in astronomical terms. Jantar-Mantar, brick and mortar laboratories at Jaipur and New Delhi are living monuments of this science.

Perhaps the most vital of Indias' contribution to the world are the "Arabic" numerals and the decimal system. The numerals known as Arabic in the west are called "Hindsas" (derived from the world Hind) by the Arabs themselves in acknowledgement of their Indian origin. To quote Laplace:

"It is India that gave us the ingenious method of expressing numbers by ten symbols, each receiving a value of position as well as absolute value; a profound and an important idea which appears to simple to us now that we ignore its true merit. But its simplicity, the great ease which it has lent to all computations, puts our arithmetic in the first rank of useful inventions; and we shall appreciate the grandeur of this achievement the more when we remember that it escaped the genius of Archimedes and Apollonius, two of the greatest men produced by antiquity."

Chemistry developed from two sources - medicine and industry. The industrial development of Gupta time (4 AD) was acknowledged even by Imperial Rome as the most skilled of the nations in such industries as dyeing, tanning, soap making, glass and cement. Durant writes:

"By the sixth century the Hindus were far ahead of Europe in industrial chemistry; they were masters of calcination, the production of light without heat, the mixing of anesthetic and sporific powders, and the preparation of metallic salts, compounds and alloys. The tempering of steel was brought in ancient India to a perfection unknown in Europe till our own times. King Porus is said to have selected as a specially valuable gift for Alexander, not gold or silver, but thirty pounds of steel."

Indian medicinal science known as Ayurveda began with Atharvaveda and is the mother of medicinal sciences. The work of Sushruta in 5th century BC and Charaka in 2nd century AD shows all the features of the modern medical science. Sushruta, Professor of medicine at the University of Benares wrote several books which dealt with surgery, obstetrics, diet, bathing, drugs, infant feeding, hygiene and medical education. He described many surgical operations - cataract, hernia, lithotomy, Caesarian section and 121 surgical instruments including lancets, sounds, forceps, catheters, and rectal and vaginal speculums. Sushruta also enumerated the diagnosis of 1120 diseases, mostly by palpation and auscultation. F.H. Garrison says: "the ancient Hindus performed almost every major operation, expect ligation of arteries." Taking of the pulse was described in a treatise dating 1300 AD. Urinalysis was a favourite method of diagnosis. However, it is to the credit of Charaka (2 AD), who gave a sense of service to the medical profession and prevented it from becoming a corporate business. He says: "Not for self, not for the fulfillment of any earthly desire of gain, but solely for the good of suffering humanity should you treat your patients, and so excell all." Furthermore, it is known that the knowledge of the endocrine system as discovered in the modern medical system is about 100 years old. But the variations of Yogic postures which are essentially meant to aid various organs of the human body, and favourably affect one or more of these glands, imply that the human anotomy, its vital functions and the therapeutic treatment by Hat-Yoga has been thoroughly understood for ages in India.

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The psychology of transcendental experiences

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"Witchdoctors and psychiatrists perform essentially the same function in their respective cultures. They are both therapists; both treat patients using similar techniques; and both get similar results. Recognition of this should not downgrade psychiatrists; rather it should upgrade witchdoctors."

-Torrey, E.F.

The main thrust of this article is to describe the psychology of transcendental experiences. An effort will be made to look into methods used by various mystics to reach these 'peak experiences' of their personality functioning. The usefulness of meditation as a psychotheraputic technique will also be explored.

In the recent past psychologists and students of spiritualism have given many names to the concept of 'Going beyond Cognition'. It has been called self-actualization, self-realization, the transcendental state, self-transcendence, oceanic state, beatitude, at-one-ment, satori, mystic unity, Enlightening, Nirvana, or Atman. It is claimed that once a person is capable of cleansing his doors of perception he reaches the state of saintliness.

Bankey Behari, writing for his famous book **Sadhs, Mystics and Yogis of India**, thinks that to an ordinary man operating at linear level of consciousness, a saint or mystic appears to be an enigma. A saint seeks unity between his inner world and the outer universe. Self, in a saint, appears to die and he starts operating at an egoless state. Once one gets rid of the burden of the go (individual self), a feeling of solemnity, exaltation, holiness, sanctity, and well-being is developed. A deeply felt positive state of mind is the prize possession of a mystic.

Indian psychologists of the Vedanta tradition think that the human ignorance springs from the false identification of Reality. For example, one of the false identifications is seeing the universe as multiplicity and not unity. Again, ignorance could be due to the non-realization that the Source of Wisdom is within us. (Kingdom of Heaven is within us.)

In most of the mystic writings from the East man is seen embodying two Selves, the individual and the Immortal Self. Individual self develops as a particular structure because of the conditions and circumstances in which the individual is placed. It must be stated that the individual self is very important for biological and social survival. It is the product of a constrained reality - a reality which is restricted because the receptors provide limited information to the self.

Buddhist psychology considers the individual self as an illusion. Elements such as senses, feelings, perceptions and cognitions are in a constant state of change producing an unreal self. The unreal self is like a hurricane involved in all kinds of neurotic and fretful activities. But every hurricane has a central point - the eye of the hurricane - which remains calm and untouched by the activities of the individual. It is the Great Tao of Lao-Tse or the Divine Ground of Huxley.

Western psychology has systematically ignored the insights and discoveries of spiritual writings of the last ten thousand years. Western man has been made interested in things and how to control them for his immediate needs. The results are that the affluence due to achievement has not brought inner happiness. It has produced isolation and alienation and the modern adult is turning to spiritual supermarkets for a '20 minute peace of mind'. As Bhagavad - Gita comments:

Thinking about sense-objects
Will attach you to sense objects;
Grow attached and you become addicted.
Thwart your addiction, it turns into anger.
Be angry and you confuse your mind,
Confuse your mind, you forget the lessons of experience;

Water flows continually into the ocean.
But the ocean is never disturbed.
Desire flows into the mind of a seer
But he is never disturbed.
The seer knows peace;
The man who stirs up his own lusts
Can never know peace;
He knows peace who has forgotten desires,
Free from ego, free from pride;

This is the state of enlightenment in Brahman (Immortal Self);
A man does not fall back from it into delusion,
Even at the moment of death,
He is alive in that enlightenment,
Brahman and he are one.

It is further conceptualized that Christian mystics were very much aware of the dual nature of Man (Animal tendencies - Spiritual perfection). They also thought that the individual has a free will in that he is free to seek the relationship between individual self and the Immortal Self.

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Mahmood, by taking too many assignment in the film - story, direction and playing the second male lead - has lost control over the funny side of the film. His earlier three directorial attempts were serio-comic but **Janta Hawaldar** is more serious than comic. Mahmood has the ability to enact a role which makes one cry and laugh at the same time but he fails to use this talent to maximum effect in the film. The funny thing is that his performances in others' films are funnier than in films directed by him. The plot of the film in itself is not much different from any other formula film - with the only lesson that it has a better scope to drive the moral point home.

Rajesh Khanna playing the **Janta Hawaldar** repeats his set mannerism he became famous for in **Aradhana** and other films. Ashok Kumar as the police commissioner is at his sober and sanguine self. Except in a few scenes he looks as natural as Iftekhar who has become synonymous with a police chief's roles. The heroine in traditional terms, is Yogita Bali not Hema Malini - who does not have much to do except changing wigs in almost every scene and registering her presence. Shobha Khote and Mahmood, the comedy pairs, have so much understanding that they can anticipate each other and attain perfect timings in their give and take. Kanahiya Lal is at his melodramatic best.

In spite of the presence of many other comedians - Dhumal, Sunder, Mohan Choti, Coca-Cola - **Janta Hawaldar** is not funny. Abrari Alvi is a serious writer and he found himself at a loss to think of funny situations.

Rajesh Roshan, whom Mahmood introduced to the screen, music, has composed some tuneful songs but in the over-all insignificant impact of the film they don't matter much.

DARSHAK in Democratic World.

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Sethna said that operations at a nuclear plant or people in the immediate vicinity of such an establishment were far less vulnerable than to cigarette smokers. They were also in less danger than people exposed to the adverse impact of carcinogenic (cancer-encouragiding) chemicals "which have unfortunately become a part of everyday life," he added.

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Board President M. Chinnaswamy and its secretary Ghulam Ahmed had expressed their difficulty in altering the provisions of the contract as it had been unanimously decided and drafted by the special general body of the Board. They further made it clear to the CPAI that any major changes could be effected only by such a meeting of the Board.

However, the Board officials ruled out the possibility of any amendments as demanded by the CPAI.

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Parveen Kumar, a discuss and hammer thrower, has been named the most promising sports lad of the year and Suman Sharma, captain of the Punjab basketball team as the most promising sports girl of the year. The team, which emerged champions earlier this year, will receive the newly instituted team award for women. Punjab's men volleyball team will also receive a similar award.

Film awards announced

New Delhi (IBS) - For the first time in the 26-year history of the National Film Awards, no film was considered good enough to win the award for the best feature film for 1978. Chairman of the jury, Chetan Anand told a press conference that a film should be great if it is to win the most prestigious film award in the country.

A producer and a director himself, Chetan Anand said that the jury was not guided by names but only by what it saw. The national film awards were not a university competition in which somebody must be placed first. The jury had not found any film in the competition great in its totality. Many good films were not entered, he said, hoping that now film-makers would feel that the best feature film award was worth trying for but not easily won.

However, "Ganadevita" (People, the God), a Bengali film, has been adjudged the best feature film with mass appeal, wholesome entertainment and aesthetic values. The film also receives the best child actor award which goes to Kanchan De Biswas.

Awards for Sanjeev and Rameswari

New Delhi (IBS) - The Calcutta-based All-India Critics Association has chosen Sanjeev Kumar and Rameswari as the best actor and actress for 1978 - the former for "Pati, Patni aur Woh" and the latter for "Dulhan Wohi Jo Piya Man Bhaye", her very first appearance on the screen.

Zeenat Aman has won a special award for outstanding work in Raj Kapoor's "Satyam Shivam Sundaram" while the best director award went to G. Aravindan for his Malayalam film "Thamp" (Tent) - for which he has also received the National Award.

Khanna's feat

Bangalore (IBS) - Twenty-three year old Surinder Khanna of Delhi achieved the rare distinction of scoring a century in each innings of the Ranji Trophy final - a feat last performed 12 years ago.

Only three other batsmen had performed the feat before: Mushtaq Ali for Holkar against Bombay (1944-45), Vijay Hazare for Baroda against Holkar (1949-50) and Hanumant Singh for Rajasthan against Bombay (1966-67).

Khanna scored 111 and 128 against Karnataka and thus enhanced his chances to tour England this summer as wicket-keeper-batsman. Earlier, he had scored 62 for Delhi against Bombay in the semi-final.

Ranji trophy for Delhi

Bangalore (IBS) - Delhi won the Ranji Trophy March 29, for the first time since the inception of the championship in the 1930s, defeating Karnataka by 399 runs in the five-day final.

With this victory, North has won all the cricket trophies that matter in first class cricket in the country - Coochbehar, Vizzy, Rhio Rohinton Baria and Duleep trophies - a performance without parallel in the annals of Indian cricket. Only the limited 60-overs a side Deodhar Trophy eluded them, North being beaten narrowly by South.

South Indian actress Sharda won her third best actress award for her performance in the Telugu film "Nimajjanam", while the best actor award went to Arun Mukherjee for his performance in "Parasuram" (Bengali).

Kerala's Aravindan won the best direction award for his Malayalam film "Thamp" (Tent) for the second successive year. Last year he won it for "Kanchana Seetha".

Other awads in the feature film category were: Best feature film on national integration - "Grahana" (Kannada); best children's film - Satyajit Ray's "Joi Baba Felunath" (Bengali); best screenplay - "Grahana" by T.S. Ranga and T.S. Nagabharana; best cinematography (colour) - Govind Nihalani for "Junoon" (Hindi); Best sound recording - Hitendra Ghosh for "Junoon"; best editing - Gangadhar Naskar for "Parasuram" (Bengali); best music direction - Jaidev for "Ganian" (Hindi); best male playback singer - Shivamoga Subhanna for rendering the title song of "Kadu Kadure" (Kannada); best female playback singer - Chhaye Ganguli for rendering "Aap ki Yaad" in "Gaman" (Hindi).

The jury specially recommended director Mrinal Sen ("Parasuram") and director Muzzaffar Ali, an executive in Air India, ("Gaman") for their sensitive treatment of the problem of rural migrants to cities.

In the regional language categories the best feature film awards were: Bengali - "Doortatwa"; Hindi - (jointly) Bimal Dutt's "Kasturi" and Shashi Kapoor's "Junoon" directed by Shyam Benegal; Kannada - "Ondanondu Kaladalli"; Malayalam - "Thamp"; and Telugu - "Nimajjanam".

No-awards were recommended for the best art direction and the regional language category for the best films in FAssamese, Gujmarati, Marathi, Oriya, Punjabi and Tamil.

LATA'S "GURBAN" RECORD

New Delhi (IBS) - The golden voice of India, Lata Mangeshkar, has now sung "Gurbani" in Punjabi. A long-playing record of her recitations from the Guru Granth Sahib was released here Thursday, April 5.

STAR DEFAULTERS

New Delhi (IBS) - Mallika Sarabhai, with Rs. 2.337 million, topped the list of 31 film stars with income-tax arrears as on September 30, 1978. Minister of State for Finance Zulfiquarulla informed the Lok Sabha.

Hema Malini came next with arrears of Rs. 853,000.

Johar film on Bhutto

New Delhi (IBS) - Producer-director N.S. Johar has announced that he would produce a film on the life of former Pakistan Prime Minister Zulfiker Ali Bhutto.

He said he himself would play the role of Bhutto.

Poet's corner

Shashi Assisi - Age 9

A SISTER

I have a sister named Ani
Who likes honey
She doesn't have any money
But she still prefers honey
Now, isn't that funny.

Most people like money
And few prefer honey.
Doesn't it sound funny?
This story of Ani, honey, and money.

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FAKE GOLD

I found some gold
Out in the cold
And I was told
That it was another man's gold.

But I was bold
And stole the gold
And then at last, I was told
That it was fake gold!

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ARUNA

Once there lived a girl named Aruna
Who for breakfast, lunch and dinner
Always ate fried tuna.
Her mother scolded her night and day
Until she got tired
And on a bed she lay.
Next morning her temperature was high
And she said "I'm about to die"
I said: "but please don't eat tuna
My Aruna!"

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MOONLIGHT

I saw a Lark
And a shark
Fighting in the dark
It was a wonderful sight
In the moonlight.

Scientist hopes to raise 100,000 dollars

By Margaret Munro

A Carleton University award-winning chemist, fed up with the federal government's niggardly attitude toward science, is going abroad to beg for research funds.

Dr. Chak Chakrabarti has accepted a dozen all-expenses-paid invitations to speak in Iraq, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Scotland, Britain and the United States on his research.

The analytical chemist who received the Herzberg award for spectroscopy in 1977 is certain he'll raise the $100,000 needed to keep his 10-man research team afloat.

His work is so highly regarded abroad that the government of Iraq has two chemists studying under him and Hungary has one. In all, he has helped train more than 100 research chemists, many from abroad.

"I hate to admit it, but I am really going abroad to beg for funds that are nowhere to be found in Canada," said Chakrabarti.

"It's either beg or watch my life's work di-"

Piles of documents on Chakrabarti's desk attest to his international esteem. In one stack are dozens of letters from foreign companies and universities subtly condemning the Canadian government for starving its scientists.

A letter received in 1977 from the largest oil company in the world, simply asked how much money was required to keep his uranium research alive. Upon receipt of his reply, Exxon promptly delivered a cheque for $75,000.

Another stack of papers contains lecture invitations, from which Chakrabarti chose 12 as the springboard for his fund-raising campaign.

The American Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy, which is covering Chakrabarti's travelling expenses, wrote: "When a person, who is essential to the success of your symposium cannot come without a portion of his travel being covered, we do have a small emergency fund that can be used."

Chakrabarti, author of more than 70 scientific papers and editor-in-chief of the British publication Progress in Analytical Atom Chemistry, usually refuses most offers. This year, however, the visits will be used to nurture contacts with government and industrial officials who realize that "scientific knowledge is power, a nation not worth much in Canada."

To underscore this point, out comes the biggest stack of documents of all: dozens of grant submissions that Chakrabarti, as head of Carleton's trace metals research group, has submitted to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

Most are matched with the return notices - NIL boldly stamped in the allocation column.

Chakrabarti has two main lines of research: developing a technique for fingerprinting oil samples to enable companies and governments to pinpoint ships that have illegally dumped oil, and locating uranium deposits by measuring metal ions in water samples.

Though begging to keep his research alive, Chakrabarti is one of Carleton University's most heavily-funded researchers, having received grants from Imperial Oil of Canada, Exxon and NSERC. But this money is not enough to buy the modern equipment required to do advanced research. And some of it is often given away to help less-fortunate researchers.

[The Ottawa Citizen]

Ban English satyagraha

New Delhi, Apr. 11 (UNI) - The recently concluded All India Angrezi Hatao (remove English) Sammelan (conference) at Nagpur had decided to launch a Satyagrah against the wide usage of English in the country which according to it amounts to "linguistic feudalism".

Talking to newsmen here on Saturday the Sammelan General Secretary Dr. Ved Pratap Vaidik said "contrary to reports in a section of the Press the Sammelan was a great success. However, due to Jayaprakash Narayan's illness "we decided to cancel public rallies and cultural celebrations".

Dr. Vaidik said the Sammelan had demanded that the proceedings in courts and Parliament and work in the Central government offices should be done in Indian languages.

He said the movement wanted that the keyboards of English typewriters and teleprinters in the country be made multilingual by August 9, 1979. "In case the government fails to do so, we will offer satyagrah".

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Yogi predic... for In...

Ottawa, April 17: Maha Sid... Yogi Alfred Narayana is ... Ottawa again using his psy... powers to predict events rela... to world economy, politics, ... iticians and other world leade...

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Yogi predicts fatal accidents for Indira, Sanjay

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Yogi Narayana

hakrishnan well, and that he has read the Vedas and Upanishads.

At the reception held for newsmen in the Chateau Laurier Hotel here, the Yogi served chilled champagne while making more predictions on dire things to come.

Armed forces being modernised

New Delhi (IBS) - Defence Minister Jagjiwan Ram told the Lok Sabha that his Ministry's main effort was to increase the efficiency and firepower of the country's armed forces, rather than increase manpower, and if had, therefore, embarked on a large programme of modernisation.

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Replying to the debate on demands for grants relating to his Ministry, Jagjiwan Ram said that in the Army greater mobility, greater firepower and a reliable communications system had to be introduced. "We are doing that." He said that there were plans to introduce new battle tanks besides the Vijayanta which was "good and useful." The new ones proposed to be introduced might be imported, together with the technology for their manufacture.

The Minister said that the Navy, which had been relatively neglected until some years ago, was receiving due attention and would be modernised too. Such modernisation might take long but the country had developed the expertise required for the task. India was in the process of acquiring some submarines as well as making them. "Sea Harrier" aircraft were being acquired for the carrier INS "Vikrant".

For the Air Force, he said the "Jaguar" aircraft was being acquired to replace the "Canberra".

Crude to cost more

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India plans to import 16.5 million tonnes of crude and over four million tonnes of various petroleum products in the current financial year. Last year India imported 15 million tonnes of crude and about three million tonnes of petroleum products.

New era foreseen

Bombay (IBS) - Prime Minister Morarji Desai asserted here recently that the Janata Party had helped the country to establish good relations with India's neighbours. In fact, he told a public meeting at the historic Shivaji Park, the relations were so cordial that in a few years there might not be any need for passports to travel in the sub-continent.

Desai said that India's relations with the Soviet Union were never so good and there was a hope of improvement in ties with China. But that did not mean that India would relinquish its territories occupied by China. "We want our land back," he added.

Passport forms in regional languages

New Delhi (IBS) - Passport forms will soon be available in all regional languages besides English and Hindi, Minister of State for External Affairs Samarendra Kundu informed the Lok Sabha.

Kundu also said that passport offices would be opened at five more centres - Patna, Gauhati, Jullundur, Srinagar and Simla. He said efforts would be made to open at least one passport office in each State.

TREASURE HUNT SUSPENDED

Lucknow (IBS) - Paucity of funds has brought an abrupt halt to excavations for the treasure hunt worth Rs. 800 million belonging to Nawab Shujauddulah of Avadh at Faizabad, according to an official spokesman of the Uttar Pradesh Archaeological Department.

The excavations began some two months ago following positive clues obtained by the Department on the basis of a copper plate belonging to the ancestors of a tailor, who served in the Nawab's army, which bore some inscriptions in Persian indicating the location of the treasure.

Canadian Ph.D. in Sanskrit

A young Canadian GEORGE M. GIBBONS of Ottawa has submitted his THESIS on a Sanskrit literary work, and the THESIS has been accepted on March 28, 1979 by the University of Toronto for the award of the PH.D. Degree. He worked on "An edition of the **Abhinavaraghaviyam** of Abhiramakamakshi", a woman writer of the 15th Century who belonged to the famous Dindima family, who were patronized by the kings of Vijayanagar of South India. The Sanskrit work is a beautiful **Mahakavya** (A Grand Poem) in 24 Cantos, and deals with the story of the **Ramayana**. The THESIS consists of the Sanskrit text, now edited for the first time on the basis of two manuscripts of the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library of Madras, Tamil Nadu, India, and it has an Introduction and Critical Notes etc. in English. The entire THESIS covers a total of 773 typed pages. Professor T. Venkatacharya of the University of Toronto was the Supervisor of the THESIS.

Leckie scholarship in multiculturalism

A public reception on Monday, May 14th will mark the founding of the Dan Leckie Scholarship Fund for Multicultural Studies.

A committee of 25 people has established the fund to recognize achievements by Toronto students in the field of Multiculturalism and race relations. (More information about the fund may be obtained from 367-7910.)

Dan Leckie served as a full-time trustee of the Toronto Board of Education between 1973 and 1978 and as its chairman in 1978. He played a significant leadership role in making the educational system more open to the people of the city of Toronto. In particular, the fund honours Dan's contribution in the areas of Multiculturalism, Heritage Languages, Race Relations, and Community Participation.

The public reception will be held at University Settlement House at 23 Grange Avenue on Monday, May 14th from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Tickets are $3.00 each and may be obtained from the following committee members:

Cera Ramkhalawansingh 366-1770
Dharmalingam - 598-3446
Chai Kalevar - 653-9329
G.S. Jaubal - 291-4994

Demand to liberate Azad Kashmir

Srinagar, Apr. 15 (UNI) - Demonstrations in Jammu and Kashmir in protest against the execution of Z.A. Bhutto turned anti-Pakistan on Thursday with crowds of 5,000 to 50,000 raising slogans like "break Pakistan" and "liberate Azad Kashmir".

Effigies of Pakistan President Gen. Zia-ul-Haq were burnt at several places by the demonstrators who demanded to liberate occupied Kashmir from "the clutches of Pakistan's military rulers."

Frenzied crowds attacked offices and houses of supporters of the Jamaat-i-Islami, a party considered pro-Pakistan.

MP DEAD

New Delhi (IBS) - Janata Party member of the Lok Sabha from Assam Hiralal Patwary died here March 28, following a massive heart attack. Before adjourning the House March 29, without transacting any business, the Speaker, K.S. Hegde described Patwary as a "good parliamentarian" who took a special interest in the cause of teachers and uplift of backward sections of society.

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This service will help those who wish to pursue a matter in cases where the police have already investigated a reported criminal offence but have not laid charges.

And that is important. The incident must have been investigated by the police first. This is not an emergency service.

You will be offered advice on the criminal justice system as well as information on how to launch a criminal proceeding.

Remember, even though the police have not laid charges, you may still be able to lay charges yourself.

Our business hours are from 9 to 5 Monday to Friday.

R. Roy McMurtry,
Attorney General

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Discrimination in Indian High Commission

By A Correspondent

Is bureaucracy really crazy? Do bureaucrats have hearts? The following story of an Indian civil servant in the High Commission of India in Ottawa shows how Indian officials can be callously indifferent to the human needs of their staff, show extreme favouritism to some, interpret rules according to convenience and persecute a person who has no power to retaliate. Also the question is being asked: Is boozing the boss the only way to be in the good books of a government that has banned the booze?

The victim of the incident, R.C. Sharma, a personal assistant, at the High Commission (H.C.) came to Ottawa in November 1975. He joined the public service after securing first rank in the All India Stenographer's Competition in the 1950's.

Six months before his term in Ottawa was to expire in November 1978, Mr. Sharma applied for an extension of this stay until June 1979 when his six children will be out of the schools and universities in Ottawa. Three girls range in age from 14 to 20 and the boys from 10 to 18. His wife speaks little English. Moreover, he was being posted to Malagasy in Africa where educational facilities are only in French or in tribal languages.

DISCRIMINATORY

During the last three years four such applications were granted - an accountant whose only son had to complete his final academic year, an attache to look after the construction of the high commission building for which plans are not yet drawn, another attache whose wife is completing a Ph.D. and a personal assistant for no reason other than being a friend of the Deputy High Commissioner. Mr. Sharma thought that the extension is only a routine matter. The Malagasy embassy is unlikely to stop functioning in the absence of a particular personal assistant.

Towards the end of July 1978, Mr. Sharma was informed that his request for grant of extension of his stay could not be accepted and was directed to move on transfer, with total disregard to the education problem of his children. An appeal to the Minister of State S. Kundu gave him three months of extension, but it did not solve the problem.

In desperation, Mr. Sharma addressed a request to the Minister of External Affairs Atal Bihari Vajpayee in December 1978. Meanwhile Mr. Sharma was informed that he would be relieved of his duties on arrival of his successor on February 27, 1979 and that he was supposed to move to Malagasy without home leave in India.

NO LEAVE

Mr. Sharma pointed out that his children will have to continue studying in Ottawa and since he has grown up daughters he would not like to leave them behind - over 10,000 miles away from him - and to ensure the admission of his children in Delhi in July he will have to stay in Ottawa till the end of June 1979. He requested permission to stay in Ottawa on leave until June 1979 and since he had not taken leave for three years he had plenty of all kinds of leave to see him through June.

It is a matter of policy the Government of India encourages its officers to use their leave if possible every year. In March 1971 Avtar Singh, the then Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs wrote to the Heads of Indian missions abroad: 'We can't leave every year in terms of the existing rules. However, only some of us are fortunate enough to utilise the leave so earned at regular intervals. Quite often in the exigencies of public service the competent authorities refuse leave. The Government servants, who wish to avail of leave for rest and recuperation, are thus denied this concession. Recently, there have been a number of cases of untimely deaths of officers in the Service. Perhaps such mishaps can be avoided or at least curtailed if we encourage our officers to take leave at regular intervals and thereby return to their duties refreshed and reinvigorated.'

In spite of all these Mr. Sharma was denied to take the leave for which he was entitled to.

Soon after the arrival of the present High Commissioner, Gen. T.N. Raina, Mr. Sharma sought an interview with the High Commissioner, who heard him patiently and got a telex sent in February 1979 to the Ministry of External Affairs for grant of the leave requested by Mr. Sharma. To his request that even if leave was not granted he would need at least three week's time to make proper arrangements for the stay of his wife and six children in Ottawa, Administration attache said it was not Government's responsibility and described his requests for ex-India leave to be spent in Ottawa, two weeks home leave in July for admitting his children to Delhi schools and booking of passage of his family at the end of June 1979 from Ottawa as "nonsense".

Mr. Sharma's request for leave was rejected by Government reportedly at the recommendation of the Deputy High Commissioner and poor Mr. Sharma had no choice but to leave his family behind in Ottawa!

BAGGAGE

On March 15 an Air India ticket to Malagasy was promptly delivered to him without the provision for the additional baggage allowance of 9 kgs. as per rules. The 20 kgs. allowed could hardly carry even his personal clothings. When pointed out about the absence of provision of additional baggage allowance of 9 kgs. Administration attache said that he was not aware of the rules. When approached the Deputy H.C. the response was a sarcastic smile!

ACCOMMODATION

While living in Ottawa Mr. Sharma was entitled to a four-bedroom residential accommodation at a monthly rent of $325, including the cost of heating and running hot water. But since July 1978, he with seven members of his family was forced to live in a one bedroom apartment at a monthly rent of $250 and made to bear the cost of the running water. When pointed out to the Deputy H.C. that his own personal assistant with his wife and only son was staying in a much larger accommodation in a high rise building at much higher rent and was paying $5 a month for electricity whereas R.C. Sharma was paying, on an average, $35 a month, the Deputy H.C. reacted violently and told Sharma that his P.A. would not pay even $5 a month!

If a scrutiny of rents paid in case of each individual member of staff is made, it will be seen that except in one case the Government incurred the least expenditure in the case of R.C. Sharma, whereas in all other cases, with smaller families, paid higher rents and provided much better accommodation, even though a few of them were not entitled to it.

JOBS

Under India Government rules, dependents of the members of staff can take up part-time jobs to finance their regular courses of study. Canadian immigration rules also provide that dependents of the members of the missions could be permitted to take up jobs depending upon the local employment conditions. R.C. Sharma requested the H.C. administration to accord necessary permission to his daughter and his son, to take up part-time jobs to finance their respective courses of study at the Algonquin College and Carleton University and to forward their applications to the Government of Canada for work permits. The request was rejected on the ground that they would not like to flood the office of the host government with such requests while many similar requests from other staff members were promptly forwarded.

Whenever Mr. Sharma approached the Deputy H.C. for a solution to any genuine problem, he refused to check the rules and appeared to be intimidating.

(According to unconfirmed reports the Deputy H.C.'s drinking habits, indulgence in romantic discussions, discriminatory attitudes and extreme incompetence, culminated in his premature recall from the Embassy of India in Laos within a year of his posting.)

From the ill-treatment meted out to R.C. Sharma, he fears that the High Commission will create difficulties in arranging air passages from Ottawa to New Delhi for his family in June 1979 and may also try to deprive them of admissible baggage allowed free on Air India. Further, they might try to book their passages for Malagasy on flimsy pretexts, instead of to New Delhi.

Obviously as voices of compassion cannot reach the leadership in India, people in India and from India in the missions, have to continue to suffer persecution and oppression. The politicians in India may claim that the practice of bonded labour has been abolished, but the treatment given to R.C. Sharma will show that it is very much in practice and is supported by corrupt bureaucrats like the ones responsible for the above treatment.

All this goes quite contrary to what former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru instructed the administrators of the country on June 18, 1952. He said: "Ultimately almost every problem can be resolved into one of human relations. We have to deal with human beings and humanity, and we can only deal with them if we always keep in view the human aspect of every problem. We are apt to forget this living in our ivory towers of government offices and dealing impersonally with files and papers. But behind those files and papers and the problems discussed in them lie human beings".

How true!

Vanishing books in Ottawa H.C.

Ottawa: Over 800 books in the Indian High Commission library have vanished without a trace between January 1977 and September 1978. Many of the books are not readily available in North America.

The books include a wide variety of topics in the area of politics, philosophy, sociology, religion, population, economics, yoga and cookery.

Instead of making an effort to have the books traced, it is understood that the Ministry of External Affairs was approached at the instigation of the Informa-tion attache, under the signature of the former H.C., for writing off the lost books.

In September 1978 a memo was sent to New Delhi which says: "Under my instructions, Attache (Information) and the local Librarian have carried out a complete physical verification of Library books. The stock-taking has taken them four months and they have now completed verification and have compiled lists of the books which are not to be found in the library ... a large number of these books ... are of an ephemeral nature and are of no importance today".

Here are some of them:

M.K. Gandhi: My Experiments with Truth
C. Rajagopalachari: Bhagavad Gita
Sri Aurobindo: Essays on the Gita
Romain Rolland: The Life of Vivekananda
S. Radhakrishnan: Religion and Society
K.R. Kriplani: Gandhi, Tagore and Nehru
Rabinder Nath Tagore: Farewell My Friend
K.M. Pannikkar: The Principles and Practices of Democracy

S. Vivekananda: Hinduism
Max Muller: The Vedas
A.K. Coomfaraswami: Introduction to Indian Art
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Already there are numerous complaints that the Information Service (a better name would be Misinformation Diservice) of the high commission is at new low of inefficiency. One wonders whether there is any need to continue the so-called Information Service at all!

H.C. overstaffed

Ottawa: According to informed sources the High Commission of India is currently overstaffed and underworked. Only make work situations are helping to give the impression that there is work for everyone - especially administrative staff. Currently the India-based staff is 26.

What is the work of every individual in the administration wing needs careful scrutiny. Only a visit by the Estimates Committee of India Government can clear the picture.

Any amount saved from unnecessary and unproductive expenditures can be put to good use on all kinds of projects in India.

The High Commission of India can be reduced in size according to the work available during the last one year. When the leadership in India is so keen that nobody should go without food and is bent upon creating jobs even by offering "food for work", does it not sound cruel to allow waste of public money for personal favours.

The new High Commissioner has a lot of house cleaning to do.

India Development Service

The Board of Directors of the India Development Service, at their Annual Meeting elected the following officers for 1979.

President: Madhu Hashikar
Vice-Presidents: Ranjit Ganguly and Krishna Puranmalka
Secretary: P.V. Ullal
Treasurer: Jagjit Jain

Ramesh Babu will serve as a member of the Executive Committee in his capacity as the immediate past-President. Arun Londhe was nominated as the Chairman of the Resources Development Committee, and S.R. Hiremath founder and past-President, will serve as Chairman of the Projects in India Committee until his departure to India sometime in the mid-year.

Madhu Hashikar, the newly elected president, says that the IDS will concentrate its efforts, during the current year, on mobilizing financial support from Indian citizens living in the USA and Canada, for rural development projects in India. He said: "the projects in India Committee has received pledges for more than $11,000." Hiremath's departure to India will mark the beginning of IDS's direct involvement in initiating and coordinating a string of grassroots level rural development projects in various parts of India.

In the past IDS largely restricted its activities to conducting seminars on Indian economic development, in the US and Canada, and offering technical and limited financial assistance for selected development projects in India. Projects in various stages of planning and development now, include: a water resources development scheme, a dairy development project and a rural health and education program.

IDS, a network of development oriented groups with chapters in various cities in the US and Canada, will celebrate its fifth anniversary later this year. The network has most recently opened a chapter in New York. Its major accomplishments in recent years include an International Conference in India in January 1978. The conference, held in New Delhi, was addressed by Prime Minister Morarji Desai, and was attended by experts from all over the world.

KITCHEN

By Pranati Sen

Here is the Lobster Mango

LOBSTER WITH MANGO

2 medium-size lobsters (abou
1½ tbsp. dry sherry
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. ground black pepper
2 tbsp. tomato ketchup
2 tsp. soya sauce
1½ tsp. cornstarch
½ tsp. salt
½ cup cold water
Flour
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2 large mangoes, well riped, pieces)

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Marinate lobster pieces in a c
pepper for 15 minutes.

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cold water in a small bowl.

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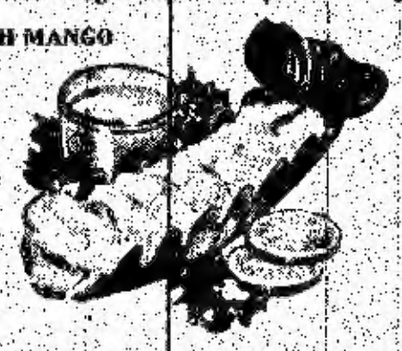
Here is the Lobster Mango recipe that I promised to give you.

LOBSTER WITH MANGO



2 medium-size lobsters (about 1 to 1½ pound each)
1½ tbsp. dry sherry
½ tsp. salt
⅛ tsp. ground black pepper
2 tbsp. tomato ketchup
2 tsp. soya sauce
1½ tsp. cornstarch
¼ tsp. salt
¼ cup cold water
Flour
Oil
2 large mangoes, well riped, peeled and stoned (cut into bite-size pieces)

Have water or fish stock at a rolling boil in a big kettle. Plunge the live lobsters in, cover and cook for just 2 minutes per pound (do not overcook). Remove from water. Rinse, cut into bite-size pieces and crack claws & legs.)

Marinate lobster pieces in a combination of sherry, ½ tsp. salt, and pepper for 15 minutes.

Combine tomato ketchup, soya sauce cornstarch, ½ tsp. salt and cold water in a small bowl.

Heat oil in a frying pan. Coat marinated lobster pieces with flour and deep-fry in heated oil for 2 minutes. Remove, drain and put aside. Heat another pan and add 3 tbsp. vegetable oil. Add lobster and ketchup mixture. Stir and cook for 1 minute. Add mango and continue to cook another minute or so, stirring and mixing well. Cover and simmer 1 minute more. Remove to platter and serve immediately with boiled rice. Serves 2.

How do you cook live lobster? Have salted water or fish stock (best of all, sea water) at a rolling boil in a big kettle. Plunge the live lobsters in, cover and cook for the required time (4 to 5 minutes to the pound). Remove from water. Remove stomach and intestinal vein. Serve with melted butter. If it is to be served cold, cook, then chill in the refrigerator. Split and clean just before serving.

Coming events

PUBLIC MEETING

"Multicultural Policies in Canada in the 1980's"

Date: 25 April, 1979 - Wednesday
Time: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: St. John the Baptist, Ukrainian Catholic Church "Auditorium"
991 Carling Ave.
ADMISSION: Free - Everyone welcome - Invitations are being extended to all ethnic groups in the National Capital Region

SPEAKERS: Walter Baker, M.P. (P.C.)

Dr. Lloyd Francis, M.P. (Lib.)

John Smart (NDP) Candidate

DISCUSSION: Each speaker has been asked to elaborate on his party's policy on multicultural diversity within the context of a united Canada in 1980's.

Following the presentations there will be a question and answer period. Local and ethnic press representatives are invited.

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Gurudwara in Calgary

The Sikh Community of Calgary has completed the construction of Shri Gurdwara Sahib (Sikh Temple) at GURU NANAK CENTRE 85 Street, Bow Trail West Calgary. The opening ceremonies were planned to coincide with Baisakhi, the SIKH NEW YEAR and the creation of the ORDER of KHALSA by Shri Guru Gobind Singhji.

The three-day programme started on April 12.

It concluded with a Symposium on various aspects of the SIKH HISTORY and Religion in the context of the North American Society.

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Why Mrs. Gandhi is lying l w

There have been several phases in Mrs. Gandhi's post-Emergency career, starting with the initial hibernation after her stupendous election defeat in March 1977.

She shrewdly sought political rehabilitation through calls on saints and unfortunate Harijans. Public reaction to her first and laughable arrest represented the remarkable phenomenon of her revised popularity.

Her arch foe, the Janata Party, helped her at every step by its in-fighting and maladroitness in administration. There was a sense of widespread disillusionment with Janata's capacity to rule. Mrs. Gandhi used every opportunity to her advantage.

The Assembly elections in 1977 brought her welcome support in two States in the South. In any event, she felt confident enough of her rising fortune to engineer a second split in the Congress in January 1978 to rule the party, after her fashion, as the undisputed leader.

Her own Chikmagalur by-election victory symbolized the peak of her popularity in the post-Emergency period.

Ironically, it was her brief jail term ordered by Parliament after her return to the Lok Sabha last year that represented her waning fortunes.

The public mood after her week-long arrest could best be summed up by the view that there was an element of poetic justice in her symbolic jail term - she was being administered a bit of her own medicine. Subsequent developments have merely served to underline Mrs. Gandhi's downhill journey.

Her Chikmagalur victory was followed by a chain of defeats for her party candidates in by-elections in the Hindi-speaking areas.

Efforts at "uniting" the two Congresses - an euphemism for the other Congress's surrender - were taking an interminably long time.

The Janata crisis, meanwhile, was resolved by Charan Singh's return to the Government.

Developments in Janata and Mrs. Gandhi's inability to maintain her run of election successes had an impact on the so-called unity talk.

Those against the coming together of the two Congresses received unexpected support from Mrs. Gandhi herself. She made it clear that not only must her supremacy in the party remain unchallenged but the party must also be willing to fight her own and her younger son's legal battles.

Sanjay Gandhi was earlier this year at long last convicted in the "Kissa Kursi Ka" case. This brought home to his mother the danger represented by the other cases pending against both.

CPI REVOLTS!

Surprisingly, it is the Communist Party of India, an Emergency ally of Mrs. Gandhi which has taken a measure of the new political realities, either at the bidding of the Russians or on its own. In highly significant moves, the CPI ostentatiously distanced itself from Mrs. Gandhi. The CPI supported Janata's Special Courts Bill in the Rajya Sabha, whose passage represented Mrs. Gandhi's defeat.

Opportunism ... not the monopoly of Mrs. ...ndhi's supporters, but most ...ople are ... her party for wha... ...ey can get ... out of it for them...

They have been ...cious of her selfish objectives ...ave tolerated them because ...at was the only way they could ...ask in the glow of her winning ...rail. Now that this trail ... to have stopped short of ...s, will they be satisfied with ...rely raising slogans against ... Gandhi's prosecution?

The increasing ...ains in the Indira Congress ... indication of many of the members' present unhappiness.

THE FUTURE

It is too early to ...ite off Mrs. Gandhi politically. ...e remains a superb tactician ... is a fighter by instinct. But if ... judgement is increasingly ...ed by personal and family ...actors, her ability to win wider ...pport would be blunted.

If the Russians ... written off Mrs. Gandhi as a ...ture Prime Minister, they ... giving the correct guidance ... their constituents. the CPI, ...tainly Kosygin was most careful in protecting himself from charges of fraternizing with her during his recent New Delhi visit, unlike the cloak-and-dagger meetings the Russians arranged for her over the head of the Indian Ambassador during her Moscow stopover on her way home from Britain last year.

Janata's disappointing performance is a fact of life. But the promise Mrs. Gandhi gave of achieving the impossible by returning to power has dissolved in the mist of politics and her own obsession with the Emergency's nemesis.

Dinner held

Indo-Canadian Community dinner took place on March 31 and was attended by 200 members. Her worship Marion Dewar, Mayor of Ottawa promised the city's support in achieving the community's goal of building a centre.

The dinner was prepared by Indian chefs and the arrangements were good.

Workshop held

Indo Canadian Women's Circle held a successful mini workshop on April 4th on "Leadership training and inter personal relations". Ann Erb, a professional in this field, was the guest speaker.

The next regular meeting of ICWC will be on May 2nd at Parkwood Hills Public School (library), 60 Tiverton Drive (off Meadowlands) at 8:00 p.m.

They were elected

The Indo-Canadian Community Centre has elected the following directors for a two year term:

Chairman: **Dilu Raha**
Past Chairman: **Dr. Shiv Chopra**
Secretary: **Aleyamma Samuel**
Treasurer: **Darshan Kant**
ICA President: **Dr. Satish Chander**

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Matrimonial correspondence invited from professional Sikh gentlemen for a pretty, well educated unattached divorcee lady, mid thirties. Please send particulars and recent photograph to M-1548, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted an immigrant girl for a Brahmin boy, well educated, 23. M-1549, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from Jat/Sikh youngmen below 30, professionally qualified or in final year, for a beautiful girl, 21, 5'-1", Canadian citizen, from respectable Jat/Sikh family well settled in Canada, qualified in business data processing (computer programming). Please send detailed particulars at first instant M-1550, The Canadian India Times.

Details and enquiries invited from professionally settled bachelors, 25-30, for my sister, M.A. (Eco.), 23, 5'-4" fair, belonging to New Delhi's Nayyar family. Her two elder professional sisters live in Canada and USA. Box 7685, Saskatoon, Sk. S7K 4R4.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from Gursikh medical doctors for a pretty, Sikh Tonk-Kashtri M.Sc girl, 23, from USA. Family well settled in U.S. Caste no bar. Reply in full confidence with details to Sadhu Singh Rakhiraj, 211-155 Neptune Dr., Toronto, Ont. M6A 2Y4.

Suitable match for Saraswat Brahmin working girl, 19½, 5'-4", Canadian citizen. Write Gian C. Muchalla, 1304 Tweedsmuir, Kitimat B.C. V8C - C1.

Needed suitable matches for Bhamra Ramgarhia two boys, well educated, caste no bar. Call 604-423-6033. Box: 642 Fernie, B.C. V0B 1M0.

Wanted a suitable match for a tall handsome Jat Sikh gentleman, 29, technician well settled Canadian. Girl is the main consideration. Caste no bar. Reply with photo to Mr. Z. Sohi, 738 Devey, Greenfield Park, Quebec, J4V 1P4.

Beautiful young professional girl, 26, M.A., working in Canada seeks handsome bright, highly educated boy. Boy's merit main consideration. Caste no bar. Phone: (416) 439-4531 or write with returnable photograph: 1008-555 Brimorton Drive, Scarborough, Ontario M1H 2E9.

Wanted tall professional for divorced Hindu girl, 28, holding well-paying job. Write with details including phone and recent photo to M-1520, The Canadian India Times.

Matrimonial correspondence invited from a suitable vegetarian boy below 30 (preferably Jain) for an attractive, slim girl, 5'-5", permanent residence, family well settled in the U.S. Reply with full details and picture - M-1529, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a suitable match for a well settled, professional, Hindu Punjabi gentleman, 36, divorced, 5'-5", Girl's merits main consideration. Write with details to M-1539, The Canadian India Times.

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Suitable independent match required for an educated Ramgarhia girl (20 yrs. old, 5'-1"). Canadian citizen, family well settled in Canada. Write with details and returnable photograph to M-1542, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a suitable match for a Punjabi-Khatri girl, 24, 5'-4", Immigrant, well settled and earning a good salary. Brothers and sisters well settled in Ontario. Please write with returnable photograph to M-1544, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted a well settled, well educated Tamil Brahmin boy for a beautiful, 26 year old MBBS doctor in India. Please send full details to M-1545, The Canadian India Times.

Wanted suitable match for Canadian Jat Sikh gentleman, 30, 6'-4" tall, M.A. M.Ed, well settled in Canada. Girl is the main consideration. Girl should be at least 5'-6". Early marriage. Caste no bar. Write in details with photograph to G.S. Sidhu, 1321 Bernard Road, Windsor, Ontario, N8Y 4K2.

ESTIMATES OF INDIA'S POPULATION

New Delhi (IBS) - The expert committee on population projections has estimated that India's population will be 799 million by 1991 as against 609 in 1976. Minister for Health and Family Welfare Rabi Ray informed the Rajya Sabha.

"There is no official estimate to indicate the population of India by the year 2,000," he added.

"DRY" AREA WIDENS

Patna (IBS) - Bihar went totally dry from April 1 when a little more than one third of Uttar Pradesh was also covered by prohibition with nine more districts being declared "dry".

Coming events

Mukul Teachers and Students cordially invite everyone to attend their Annual Cultural Program to be held on Saturday, May 12, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. at Ridgemont High School, 2597 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa. For further information please call: 825-4104 or 824-8739.

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